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Applicant : S. WATARI et al
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Final Rejection) of February 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time also accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.